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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Maple syrup is in the market. The Columbian Club will meet Saturday with Mrs. E. C. Rowe.

Mrs. Wm. Hall spent a few days last week with Mrs. Millie Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Wight of Gorham, N. H., are visiting their son, Dr. Wight.

Mr. W. R. Bean is in quite feeble health. Dr. Sturdivant is attending him.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon, March 19, with Mrs. C. O. Foster.

Miss Fannie Brooks is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. John F. Howe.

Miss Evelyn Wilbur who has been the guest of Miss Angie Chapman, returned to Norway, Tuesday.

Mr. Cary Stevens who has been living in town for the past year, has gone to Rumford Falls to work.

Those of our readers desiring a permanent situation with good pay will do well to read the advertisement, "Tree Agents Wanted," in another column.

Rev. Edwin A. Buck who died in Fall River, Mass., March 9, was pastor of the First Congregational church about five years from 1884 to 1889. He was a native of Buckport, was a graduate of Yale college and Bangor seminary, filling a number of pastorates in Maine and Rhode Island and was thirty-five years and more city missionary in Fall River. He leaves six children. His age was 79 years. Mr. Buck's last visit to Bethel was at the Centennial of the church in 1899.

The spring number of the Academy Herald has just been issued at the News office and is one of the best numbers that has ever been published by the students of the school. It is printed on fine cut stock, has various illustrations, and especially interesting reading matter from first to last; much has also been added to the appearance of the Herald by the new cover design. It is hoped and expected that this number will have a ready sale, as it certainly well deserves to have. A great deal of effort has been made to make this number an attractive and interesting one and these efforts should be rewarded by liberal patronage.

Mr. S. Robertson, one of Bethel's oldest and respected citizens, and father of Gustave Robertson who was elected Mayor of the City of Augusta last week, is rejoicing over the honor which has been thus conferred upon his only son. He thinks that Bethel has done pretty well in furnishing stock for mayors of the cities about us as five of her sons have recently been called to serve in that capacity. Mr. Robertson, while he is not the oldest resident of the town of Bethel is the oldest one in the village proper. He was born Nov. 3, 1814 and was, therefore, eighty-eight years old last November. He was born on Robertson hill in this town and has always lived in Bethel. He moved into Bethel village sixty-six years ago and built the house in which he now lives and has lived in the same house for over sixty-five years. When Mr. Robertson built his house on Main street there was woods all around him and he gives for his reason for placing his house so far back from the street, that the street was so wet and muddy that he put it back there to get out of the mud hole. There is not another house on Main street that was here when Mr. Robertson came to our village and there is but one man, Major G. A. Hastings, now living in Bethel who was living here when Mr. Robertson moved into the village. He says the next oldest resident of the village is Mr. D. S. Hastings now living on Broad street in the house in which he was born. Mr. Robertson enjoys good health for a man of his age and has a remarkable memory and any one who desires to know the history of things will certainly be interested by conversing with him.

Miss Grace Pillsbury is visiting friends in town.

Supper and social at the Universalist chapel Friday of this week. Usual prices.

The spring term at Gould's Academy opened yesterday with its usual number of students.

L. A. Hall has arranged with his brother Clarence to assist him in his barber shop the coming season.

Mrs. Mary Chandler returned to So. Paris, Tuesday, and will spend several weeks with her son, Fred P. Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holt were called to Sanford, last week, by the sudden death of Mr. Holt's brother-in-law, Rev. Sumner Estes.

The news of the death of Mrs. Wm. G. Lewis of Chicago, which occurred in Berlin, Germany, on Feb. 19, comes with much sadness to her friends and acquaintances here in Bethel, where, with her daughter Eleanor, she spent six successive summers as guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin. Mrs. Lewis with her daughter and son, Dr. Denslow Lewis, went abroad last September, and while in Berlin she was taken ill with a complication of diseases, and died after an illness of a few weeks. The daughter and son have the sincere sympathy of her friends in Bethel.

The stereopticon lecture "In His Steps" given in the Congregational church last Thursday evening by Mr. Charles H. Warren of Colby College was very well attended and very much appreciated and enjoyed. Any one could not witness such a reproduction of this famous story without feeling something of an inspiration toward a higher and better living. This is a story that has aroused people all over the world. It had a purpose, that to make men better, and it has doubtless filled that purpose in many, many cases. Much was added to the program by the music which was interspersed at different intervals during the lecture. The Holy City by Miss Chamberlin, the Ninety and Nine by Dr. Sturdivant, and Lead Kindly Light by the quartette, coming to the audience from a distance, being sung in the chapel while the illustrations were being given upon the screen, were very beautiful and impressive. The moving pictures, too, added not a little to the occasion and they were made especially unique by being reversed after the set had been completed. Some of these being turned about became very funny especially the "High Divers" making their somersaults from out the water to stagings and windows from thirty to fifty feet above. The entertainment on the whole was indeed a success.

The News office has just issued the annual seed catalogue of the W. H. Eastman Seed Co. of East Sumner, a catalogue of 24 pages well gotten up and suitably illustrated. Mr. Eastman makes a specialty of seeds, and a postal card to him at East Sumner will bring one of the catalogues to any of our readers who desire it; and since we are speaking of catalogues we would not omit the fact that we have also recently sent out 12000 annual catalogues for the Sagadahoc Fertilizer Company of Bowdoinham, Maine. This concern is under the general management of W. B. Kendall of Bowdoinham; one of the most enterprising, honest and conscientious business men in Maine, and if the goods that he advertises are at par with the man, the farmers will make no mistake in buying them. Our readers will therefore, observe that we have had little occasion at the News' office to allow grass to grow under our feet since the dawning of the new year, as we have in addition to our regular routine of business, not only done our usual number of town reports and the Academy Herald, but also done three seed catalogues, one of which contained nearly 100 pages and the aggregate number of copies of the three being 24000. We won't brag because we do not believe in bragging, but if any one will find another office in the county that has made this record we will treat.

Mrs. J. C. Billings has returned from Boston.

Belle Purington returned from So. Paris, Thursday.

Dr. F. B. Tuell was in Sumner, Monday, on business.

Judge A. E. Herrick attended probate court at Paris, yesterday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. B. Chapman, Thursday afternoon.

A woman having the right sized foot can find a bargain at Miss E. E. Burnham's.

Miss Lois Lowe is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. E. Wilson, of South Paris, this week.

Gertie Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lowe, is ill at her home on Paradise street.

Miss Grace Goodall of Portland, a graduate nurse of the Maine General Hospital, is caring for Mrs. E. A. Chase.

An Over Stock of Size 10, in Ladies' Hose—The coming week Miss Burnham will sell them at following prices: 10 cents, 15 cents, 20 cents, 25 cents, 30 cents.

The friends of Mrs. E. A. Chase who is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Herrick, will be much pleased to hear that the critical point has been passed and that she is now recovering as fast as can be expected.

Miss Clara Flint who has spent the winter at Dr. Tuell's in Bethel, has returned to her home in Concord, Mass., for a month's stay after which she will return to Bethel for the summer.

With the rain and the sun our five or six feet of snow has taken a great run during the past few days and in place of the drifts of a week ago we now have bare ground and if things keep on as they have been going for the past week, spring time and harvest will be here before we know it. One extreme, however, follows another and we shall be very much mistaken if we do not get our March blizzards yet.

The annual seed catalogue of the Geo. B. Haskell Co. of Lewiston, has just been issued from the News office. It is a book of eighty-eight pages printed on nice stock and is well illustrated. New blood has recently been added to the Geo. B. Haskell Company and this concern is fast becoming one of the leading seed and farming implement concerns in Maine. Those who have charge of this tremendous growing business are men through and through. They are not in the trust and are doing business on the principal of live and let live, and any who are looking for fair and honest dealings will do well to consult with them. If any of our readers would like one of their annual catalogues they may receive the same by sending their names to the News office.

Well Again.

The many friends of John Blount will be pleased to learn that he has entirely recovered from his attack of rheumatism. Chamberlain's Pain Balm cured him after the best doctors in the town (Monon, Ind.) had failed to give relief. The prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords is alone worth many times its cost.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

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The greatest danger from colds and grip is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure a cold or an attack of the grip in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take.

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Announcement.

Mrs. F. C. Shaw and Mrs. Staples have opened dressmaking rooms over the store of A. Van Den Kerckhoven on Church street and will be pleased to receive the patronage of the ladies of Bethel and vicinity.

Money Savers

For everybody having Furniture, Carpets and Draperies to buy, are plenty in this New Stock of ours. Here are a few of the newest arrivals in Carpetdom:—

Heavy All Wool Carpets, 50 cts.
Special Weave all Wool Carpets, 60 cts.
3-Ply Weight all Wool Carpets in new Brussels Weave, 75 cts.
More of those bargains in Velvet Carpets, 75 cts.

A special line of Matting, both Japanese and Chinese, prices start at 15 cents; from that figure up. A 40 cent Matting at 25 cents.

All our New Portieres, Couch Covers, Lace Curtains and Rugs have been carefully selected, the colors in harmony with carpets—thus we make the matter of correct interior decoration a pleasure, rather than a task at this store.

Sit down and write us for particulars, information or advice of any sort pertaining to the Furniture, Carpet and Drapery question. There is no obligation incurred to buy however much you question, inspect or compare. We have built our business by exercising a spirit of accommodation.

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BETHEL, MAINE.

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BETHEL, MAINE.

IT IS ABOUT TIME TO THINK ABOUT

BICYCLES

If you want your old wheel cleaned, a Coaster Brake put on, or any other repairs, now is the time to attend to it before the rush of the season is on. As for

NEW WHEELS

I have been very fortunate in securing some rare bargains, and will give you the advantage of my close buying, by quoting some very attractive prices. My line this year will include the

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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18, 1903.

Resubmission.

Last Friday the Senate laid to rest the resubmission question for at least another two years in its vote of eighteen to five with three pairs. This is a gain of two in the Senate during the past two years and if we remember correctly there has been a corresponding gain in the House. At this rate the thing will doubtless get resubmitted sometime in the "dim distant future." The News tries to steer clear of politics but this can hardly be called a political question any more as it drew its supporters as well as its opponents from both the political parties in the present fight in the Legislature, and it seems to us now, not a question of politics, but a question between right and wrong, a question between an attempt to restore evil and an act to legalize evil. For if we have listened to and read with any degree of understanding, the arguments which have been made before our Legislature, moreover, if we have interpreted half right the characters between the lines enunciated by those who are out and out for resubmission, we must come to this conclusion, that those who stand firm and solid upon the prohibitory amendment adopted a score of years ago, have done it with no less a purpose than to reduce the traffic in intoxicating liquors in our honored State to the lowest possible minimum, while those who have proclaimed so loudly for resubmission have no more of a purpose than to pave the way to a free use and unobstructed flow of the most damnable evil that ever doomed mankind to destruction.

It has been a favorite expression of one of our honored legislators, "O Consistency thou art a virtue." We may be void of comprehension but we certainly fail to see the consistency on the part of our friends when they will stand up and boldly assert that they are temperance men from the crown of their heads to the soles of their feet, that they want to do away with this long existing farce and pave the way for a righteous temperance law, and then produce as their principal arguments—as did that representative from Cumberland County who floundered all over the universe and touched every interest and industry from the aurora borealis to the South Pole, from the zenith to the nadir, statistics to show that although nature has done a great deal for the State of Maine in giving it all of the conditions necessary to a tremendous advancement and growth, still that growth has been impaired and well nigh obstructed by the prohibitory law—thus admitting that said law has prevented the free flow of intoxicating liquors in the State for a half century.

Those who have read the speech of the gentleman in question, will remember that he attempted to prove that Maine prospered and flourished like a green bay tree when liquor flowed as freely as water, but since 1850, when the movement was put on foot to check its flow, she has been greatly on the decline, and he might as well have said, in fact he did say between the lines, give us high license, open our saloons, deal out your liquor right and left and you will see Maine grow again, and yet this same gentleman had the audacity to state, that intelligent body of men that he was for resubmission because he was a temperance man. Such arguments as these, however, do more to keep that time honored amendment in our constitution

than will all the arguments that the honest, consistent, faithful temperance workers can produce. Maine has stood head and shoulders above many of her sister States in her influence for years, because she has stood upon honor and fought for the right, and we believe that we speak the sentiments of her citizens almost to a unit when we say, that when she cannot flourish and grow along the lines pointed out by our friend from Portland, without opening her rum shops she will content herself to become withered and decayed, as he would have us believe she has done for the past fifty years.

There never has been a time during the history of our commonwealth when Maine blood, Maine brains, Maine brawn, Maine integrity and Maine honor, have been at a higher premium in all the various walks in life than at the present time, and it looks somewhat as though the enemies of temperance will have to content themselves to have it so a while longer.

Veteran Circus Man.

I notice that G. A. Robertson, mayor of Augusta, has pledged himself to give the boys a circus every week," writes a friend of the Lewiston Journal.

"Now perhaps, it is not generally known that he is a veteran circus man. Some fifty years ago Van Amburgh's circus and caravan exhibited at Bethel. Gustave and some other kindred spirits conceived the idea of having a circus, so after some days of preparation they exhibited on the lot in the rear of the Congregational church.

"Jim Ayer was ring master. Ike Littlehale was chief acrobat and contortionist; Dan Hastings was champion athlete and strong man. It was before the days of three ringer circuses but they boasted of two clowns, Wallace Mason and Frank Bartlett, either of which could give the veteran Dan Rice points.

"The arrivals consisted of James Horner's huge mastiff and several other 'dorgs' of various sizes. The cage was an inverted crockery crate. Gustave played the part of Van Amburgh and got into the cage to stir up the animals. The animals (dogs) got to fighting. Gustave got scared and began to cry, 'I want to go home; my mother don't know I am here!'

"That circus though got up by amateurs, was no slouch and the most of the participants are alive at this day. Poor Ike Littlehale died in the biggest show of modern times, the war of the Rebellion. Jim Ayer has a position in the New Orleans Custom House. Dan Hastings is a retired Montana rancher. Wallace Mason is a veteran engineer on the Grand Trunk railroad. Frank Bartlett is a carriage builder at Bethel and Gustave? Well, he seems to be still in the show business and if he promises the boys a circus, they are going to get it." (Signed.)

"One Who Was There"

For Sale.
Pure-Bred White Wyandotte and Buff Leghorn Eggs for hatching, 50 cents for 13 at door.

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Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

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It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid, trouble and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Catarrh

The cause exists in the blood, in what causes inflammation of the mucous membrane.

It is therefore impossible to cure the disease by local applications. It is positively dangerous to neglect it, because it always affects the stomach and deranges the general health, and is likely to develop into consumption.

Many have been radically and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cleanses the blood and has a peculiar alternative and tonic effect. R. Long, California Junction, Iowa, writes: "I had catarrh three years, lost my appetite and could not sleep. My head ached and I felt bad all over. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and now have a good appetite, sleep well, and have no symptoms of catarrh."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is better not to put off treatment—buy Hood's today.

Crushed to Death.

A sad accident occurred at South Bethel Monday of this week when Mr. Aurelius Stevens of that place was crushed to death while working in the woods.

Mr. Stevens and a hired man were engaged in the woods sluicing trees down a very steep hill each with one horse. The one handled by Mr. Stevens was not altogether agreeable to the task and at times was quite unmanageable. The snow was very deep, and as Mr. Stevens was part way down the hill his horse gave him some trouble and in the struggle to get him to proceed, Mr. Stevens stumbled and fell into the deep snow on the lower side of the animal and the animal fell very heavily upon him crushing him into the snow and holding him fast. He fell face upwards with the horses flank across his breast and head but he was not stifled to such an extent but that he could talk to the hired man who came quickly to his relief.

The horse lay upon the side hill in such a way that it was impossible for the man to remove him. Every conceivable effort was made even to hitching his own horse to the former one and attempting to pull him off in that way. Mr. Stevens realized that he could not survive but a short time unless other help could be had and he dispatched his man for more help. He had to go considerable distance and when he returned the horse remained in the same position and Mr. Stevens was dead. His breast bone was crushed but the immediate cause of death as given by Dr. Sturdivant who was summoned at once, was suffocation. Coroner A. W. Grover of Bethel was called but deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Mr. Stevens was the son of Mrs. Benjamin Stevens with whom he made his home at South Bethel. Mrs. Stevens has another son who is a traveling salesman in the West. The death of Aurelius comes to her as a sudden and severe blow, and she has the deepest sympathy of all her neighbors and friends in this hour of her bereavement.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at her home in South Bethel, and will be conducted by Rev. C. N. Gleason of Bethel.

Death of Rev. Edwin A. Buck.

The following is an extract from a report of the death of Rev. Edwin A. Buck as given by the Bethel Evening News: "Rev. Buck had many warm friends in Bethel where he served as pastor of the Congregational church a half a century ago."

Rev. Edwin A. Buck, missionary emeritus, of the Central Congregational church, a clergyman honored by all his brethren and a man whom the whole city honored for his kindness and his Christian usefulness, passed away at 10:55 on the forenoon of the 9th, at his home on Prospect street. He had been ill of pneumonia for two weeks, and for several days his death had been expected; this condition following a long period of physical decline, during which, however, the aged clergyman lost no interest in his fellowmen and kept at his work as if he meant to be of service until the end. In his last sickness the interest of a wide circle of friends has been manifested, and the news of Mr. Buck's departure comes to such with a sense of personal loss.

The deceased was born in Bucksport, Maine, May 31, 1824, and was, therefore, at his death, in his 79th year. Bucksport, as its name suggests, was ever the town of the Buck family, Jonathan Buck,

the great grandfather of the departed, settled in, and his great-grandson's interest in the place was shown by his revisiting the town year after year, through life, until two years ago. The town is situated on the Penobscot river, and is one of the most attractive spots in Maine.

Mr. Buck began his work as a preacher in Pownal, Maine, in September, 1852; he remained there, in a Congregational pastorate, until May, 1854, when he went to Bethel, Maine, where he remained from May 31, 1854, till March 23, 1859. He next settled in Slatersville, R. I., where he served from March 31, 1859, till December, 1867, in the latter part of which month he came to Bethel River to serve the City Missionary Society as missionary.

Four or five years ago, feeling that he could no longer keep his work as missionary at the point which he desired, Mr. Buck offered his resignation of the office; instead of accepting the resignation the Central church asked him to continue in the office, doing what he could; so he has remained as missionary emeritus.

Mr. Buck's work among the less fortunate residents of Bethel River has brought to him a great many marriages, his record to and including Feb. 21 showing that he had united 1635 couples. He has also attended professionally a great many funerals.

Health

"For 25 years I have never missed taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla every spring. It cleanses my blood, makes me feel strong, and does me 'good' in every way."
John P. Hodnette, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pure and rich blood carries new life to every part of the body. You are invigorated, refreshed. You feel anxious to be active. You become strong, steady, courageous. That's what Ayer's Sarsaparilla will do for you.

\$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

Teachers' Examination.
The annual town examination for those who wish to teach in the schools of Bethel for the coming school year will be given at Gould's Academy Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 a. m.

Per order COMMITTEE.

United States Branch National Assurance Co. of Ireland.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Stocks and bonds, \$456,542.62
Cash in office and bank, 88,654.34
Agents' balances, 58,293.41
All other assets, 500.00

Gross assets, \$603,990.37
Deduct items not admitted, 54,049.00

Admitted assets, \$549,941.37
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$45,045.82
Unearned premiums, \$45,045.82

Total, \$100,091.64
Deposits capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities, \$8,045.82

Total liabilities and surplus, \$108,137.46
W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents.
So. Paris, Me.

The United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company.

JNO. R. BLAND, President.
Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Real estate, \$110,909.86
Mortgage loans, 54,100.00
Collateral loans, 144,835.00

Stocks and bonds, 2,245,189.50
Cash in office and bank, 177,882.78
Interest and rents, 24,794.51

Uncollected premiums, 229,031.56
All other assets, 228,005.96

Gross assets, \$3,220,927.05
Deduct items not admitted, 267,460.15

Admitted assets, \$2,953,466.90
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$177,324.45
Unearned premiums, 700,544.83

Total, \$877,869.28
Cash capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities, 325,098.92

Total liabilities and surplus, \$1,182,968.20
A. E. MORRISON, Agent.
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A Bad Breath

A bad breath means a bad stomach, a bad digestion, a bad liver. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick headache.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company, Manchester, N. H.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Real estate, \$174,937.58
Mortgage loans, 467,533.33
Collateral loans, 130,000.00

Stocks and bonds, 2,540,240.00
Cash in office and bank, 251,870.82
Bills receivable, 3,460.47

Uncollected premiums, 223,377.48
Gross assets, \$3,779,569.67
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$152,032.70
Unearned premiums, 1,367,320.97
All other liabilities, 105,205.90

Total, \$1,624,559.57
Cash capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities, \$1,154,870.10

Total liabilities and surplus, \$3,779,569.67
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W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents.
So. Paris, Me.

New Jersey Plate Glass Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J.

S. C. HOAGLAND, Pres. H. C. HENDEN, Sec.
Statement Dec. 31st, 1902.

CASH CAPITAL.

Bonds and mortgages, \$194,600.00
Cash, 152,295.45
Interest and rents, 2,575.68

Premiums in course of collection, 16,757.24
All other assets, 2,095.56

Total assets, \$351,324.93
LIABILITIES.

Reserve for reinsurance, \$75,082.44
Losses and claims, 6,636.47
Total, \$81,718.91

Surplus to policy holders, \$269,606.02
Net surplus, \$1,154,870.10
FRED A. PORTER, Agent.
Rumford Falls, Me.

United States Branch of the NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INS. CO. of London and Edinburgh, G.B.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1902.

Stocks and bonds, \$41,260.00
Cash in office and bank, 322,439.37
Agents' balances, 68,374.20

Interest and rents, 52,000.00
All other assets, 4,881.00
Gross assets, \$579,600.47
Deduct items not admitted, 21,360.70

Admitted assets, \$558,239.77
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$308,387.49
Unearned premiums, 2,061,045.45
All other liabilities, 15,626.93

Total, \$2,405,059.87
Surplus over all liabilities, \$249,852.28
WM. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents.
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The Delaware Insurance Co. of Philadelphia.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Real estate, \$200,000.00
Mortgage loans, 116,700.00
Collateral loans, 225,000.00

Stocks and bonds, 882,862.00
Cash in office and bank, 66,820.40
Bills receivable, 2,791.66

Interest and rents, 2,085.54
Uncollected premiums, 160,595.11
All other assets, 2,953.57

Gross assets, \$1,654,958.28
Admitted assets, \$1,654,958.28
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$55,320.00
Unearned premiums, 735,325.48
All other liabilities, 27,568.39

Total, \$818,213.87
Cash capital, 702,875.00
Surplus over all liabilities, 115,338.87

Total liabilities and surplus, \$818,213.87
CHARLES E. TOLMAN, Agent.
So. Paris, Me.

The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Real estate, \$621,160.33
Mortgage loans, 285,000.00
Collateral loans, 3,840,000.00

Stocks and bonds, 3,840,000.00
Cash in office and bank, 4,411.84
Bills receivable, 4,074.97

Interest and rents, 419,373.70
Uncollected premiums (net), 15,707.75
All other assets, \$5,725,428.62

Gross assets, \$8,275,428.62
Deduct items not admitted, 4,411.82
Admitted assets, \$8,271,016.80
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$814,694.48
Unearned premiums, 2,360,551.04
Contingent fund, 35,503.64

All other liabilities, \$3,560,867.00
Total, \$4,711,559.16
Cash capital, 50,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities, 1,453,800.00

Total liabilities and surplus, \$6,165,359.16
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	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	8.30
Gorham,	4.00	8.30
Gilad,	4.38	8.33
West Bethel,	4.47	8.44
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53
Looker Mills,	5.00	9.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05
South Paris,	5.30	9.30
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10
Boston, via boat,		3.00

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	3.15	1.30
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30
South Paris,	10.00	3.33
Bryant Pond,	10.28	4.10
Looker Mills,	10.35	4.18
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42
Gilad,	11.05	4.54
Gorham,	11.38	5.40
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50
Montreal,	6.50	7.00
Toronto,	7.15	7.50
Chicago,	8.45	7.20

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In rags and unshod, his right arm
handless and his left leg from the knee
gone, Valstin Moullot hobbled back to
his old home, discharged as incapable
of service. To eager listeners, many
of them weeping, he recited what of
the engagement he had seen, which
was little for he was in the heat of it.
He told of the drought parched section
of Kentucky, dusty and waterless,
through which forced marches were
made; how, east of Perryville, his re-
reating division was halted and formed
for action under a broiling midday
sun; how the warriors of both sides
were famished for drink, while the
only spring on the field lay in an apple
orchard, on one side of which was a



What do you mean by that?

low stone wall protecting a battalion of
Illinois infantry. His wan face glowed
as he described the charges of his
company on this wall to uncover the
spring. The first was under Captain
Tailleur, who fell at the brink of the
pool with a maimed ball through his
forehead. Lieutenant Oakfield led the
second, received a murderous volley
within 40 feet of the wall and bit the
dust with Leon, the jockey, who had
joined him at Corinth and followed him
as body servant and cook of his
mess. The third charge was about to
be made under the leadership of Lieut-
enant Brulleton when a shell exploded
in Valstin's face, and he knew no more
until he recovered consciousness in a
cannas covered wagon jolting through
the passes of the Cumberland moun-
tains to find himself minus a foot and a
hand. He had lingered about the camps
and hospitals until he was formally re-
ported as unfit for duty, discharged
and ordered to return home as best he
could. His journey back was long; to-
dious and painful and now that it was
accomplished appeared to him a hideous
dream.

When the doleful story of Valstin was
carried to Estelle, she looked with
streaming eyes far into the blue vault
above and whispered:

"Horace, hear me. Your voice called
my love into being, and now my love
is dead. No other voice than yours
shall ever recall it to life."

CHAPTER XV.

THE OLOGRAPHIC TESTAMENT.

NEVER had Evariste breathed
so deeply and freely, never
had his pulse beat so strong-
ly, as after hearing Valstin,
an eyewitness, rehearse the
heroic fall of his brother. His spirit
bounced; he felt his powers expand;
he saw the path to the goal cleared. It
was an effort to feign grief in the re-
petition of the story to tearful Mrs. Wile-
y, but his acting was superb, and it
sufficed to excuse hasty retirement to
the privacy of his room and the re-
quest that no one should be permitted
to disturb him. Tiptoeing steps past
the locked door and underneath the
curtained windows testified the respect
of the household for his sorrow.

With hands unsteady by the ex-
treme of exaltation he opened the small
brass ribbed box of ebony in which the
sealed envelope had lain since the day
he had received it from Horace and
promised to defend Estelle from harm.
Drawing his chair into the subdued
light which filtered through the win-
dow curtain, he broke the seal, took
out the one sheet of paper and, unfold-
ing it, read:

PARISH OF AVOYREUX, LOUISIANA, May 6, 1881.
I, Horace Oakfield, of "Le Reposement" plantation,
in the parish and state above written, of lawful age
and without forced heirs, being of sound health
both in mind and body, and knowing the cer-
tainty of death and the uncertainty of the time
thereof and especially having in view the perils of
war, into which I am about to enter, do make this
my last will and testament in the olographic form.

I give and bequeath unto my brother, Evariste
Oakfield, one-half of all my estate of whatsoever
kind and wheresoever situated which I may pos-
sess at the moment of my death.
I give and bequeath unto Estelle Latolais,
granddaughter of Leonidas Latolais of the parish
and state above written, the remainder of my es-
tate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated
which I may possess at the moment of my death.
I appoint my said brother, Evariste Oakfield, sole
executor of this testament and dispense him from
giving bond, and I direct him to make partition
of my estate by negotiation within one year after
probate and deliver to said Estelle Latolais her
share in gold money or its equivalent in interest
bearing securities to be approved by the parish
judge.

This testament has been dated, written and
signed by me on one sheet of paper at one writ-
ing.
HORACE OAKFIELD.

So intense was the shock he experi-
enced from this perusal that his head
fell forward, and for a moment his

state was one of semiconsciousness.
But rage, bitter, unspeakable rage, sent
the blood surging hot from his heart.
The veins of his neck and temples
gorged; his face grew livid. Had he
been of full physical habit he would
have died in the tempest of wrath
which burst within him. An hour he
sat motionless except for the twitch-
ings of his countenance, like those of
an anesthetized patient under the sur-
geon's knife. But one thought was de-
fined in his dazed, congested mind, and
that took the form of an infinite, malig-
nant curse upon the brother who
thwarted him even from his undiscover-
able grave. Exhausted, weak as a
child coming out of a cataleptic spasm;
he tottered across the room and fell
panting upon his bed. The calmness
of collapse came upon him, bringing a
gradual return of connected thought.

In his view Horace's malevolence to
him was manifest. The purpose of the
bequest of half the estate to Estelle
was so to burden the conscience of the
sentimental girl with a weight of grati-
tude to his memory that the bestowal
of her hand to another would be her
seem the basest of crimes. He had
sought to make her life one of virgin
widowhood or religious seclusion. The
plain animus was to baffle the suit
which he anticipated that Evariste
would press. The latter would not ad-
mit that his passion was unknown to
Horace. How was this stroke to be
parried? Now, if ever, was the crisis
out of which his boasted cunning, the
gift of his Latin ancestors, should hear
him victorious. What was this weapon
used against his life's life? What was
the character of an olographic will?
What was his status without the will,
no living "person" but himself having
seen it?

He dared not consult a lawyer. No
one of the craft known to him possessed
the degree of secretiveness to in-
vite his trust. Rising and borrowing
strength from a decanter of brandy, he
took down the civil code of Louisiana
and, turning over the leaves, every one
of which bore the pen notes and thumb
marks of his brother, rested his eyes
upon these lines:

Article 1681. The olographic testament is that
which is written by the testator himself. In or-
der to be valid it must be entirely written, dated
and signed by the testator. It is subject to no
other form and may be made anywhere, even out
of the state.

Article 1682. The olographic testament shall be
opened if it is sealed, and it must be acknowl-
edged and proved by the declaration of two credi-
ble persons, who must attest that they recognize
the testament as being entirely written, dated
and signed in the testator's handwriting, as hav-
ing often seen him write and sign during his
lifetime.

"The perfection of simplicity," Evariste
muttered, "and from all the forms
of testament allowed by the law he
has deliberately selected this one for
my discomfiture. Shall I suffer it to
wreck my hopes? Shall I not strangle
it before it sees the light? What would
be the effect of that? Let me look fur-
ther."

Delving again into the code, he found
that he, though only half brother,
would have inherited the whole estate
to the exclusion of other collateral
heirs had Horace died intestate.

"Oh, Horace, you stupid American
dolt," he soliloquized gloatingly, "to
leave in my hands this cursed instru-
ment of your ill will and expect me to
turn it upon myself—to commit suicide
with it! You never understood me.
You never tried to understand me. It
is too droll. Between me and success
stands only this flimsy barrier, erected
by a stolid mind, and away it vanishes
in smoke!"

He seized the will and struck a
match, when he was startled by a
sharp knock at his door.

Throwing away the match and
thrusting the will into his pocket, he
demanded:

"Who is there?"

"It is I," Mrs. Wiley answered. "A
letter has been brought by a messen-
ger, who says an immediate answer is
required."

He opened the door and received the
following note:

Come to Dele's at once. Matters of importance
require consideration and action now.

QUILLBERT.

"Tell the messenger, please, that I
will come," he said to Mrs. Wiley, and
then to himself: "Perhaps this is for-
tunate. It may be well for me to
breathe fresh air and get back to the
normal, possibly to consult Quillebert,
before taking steps which could never
be retraced. He is an expert on all
matters of this complexion."

He was soon at the cabaret and seated
in the rear room with Quillebert.

"I have news for you," said the lat-
ter.

"Tell it."

"The Latolais girl wants to become
a nun."

"She will forego that wish when I
make her realize the consequences to
her grandfather."

"You are still resolved on that?"

"More inflexibly than ever."

"Then I have other news."

"Tell it."

"Your brother left a will."

Evariste paled and exclaimed:

"Who says so?"

"Valstin Moullot."

"How does he know?"

"Your brother told him he had left
his will with you."

A cold moisture bathed Evariste's
brow.

"Moreover, he made the same state-
ment to the priest Grbe the day before
he went away. But neither of them
knows its dispositions," continued
Quillebert. "The people will expect
you to produce it soon."

"My God!" said Evariste, realizing
the futility of denying the existence of
the testament and his need of an ad-
viser. "Your summons came in the
nick of time to save me from ruin."

"How so?" asked Quillebert.

"I was on the point of burning the
testament."

"Why?"

"Because it divides the estate evenly
between Estelle and me."

"Hence!" granted Quillebert. "Maybe
that is an intimation of his wish that
she should marry with you."

"No." It was intended to make her
his widow and fortify her against the
duress I meant to apply through old
Leonidas. She will never consent to
become my wife if that will goes into
effect."

"You are right," Quillebert said after
a moment's thought. "Where is the
document?"

"I have it here," replied Evariste.

"Let me see it," Quillebert demand-
ed.

The testament was exhibited. Quille-
bert read it slowly and deliberately,
with half closed eyes and knit brows.

For an hour he labored thus.

proof that his genius was actively
working. Looking up without raising
his head, he said:

"Who has seen this besides your-
self?"

"No one but you."

"Are you sure?"

"Yes. It has been looked in my desk
since Horace gave it to me, and the
key has never been out of my posses-
sion."

"Hence!"

[To be continued.]

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Assets, Dec. 31, 1902.

Real Estate, \$5,000 00
Mortgage Loans, \$5,000 00
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,187,709 46
Cash in office and bank, \$182,238 55
Agents' Balances, \$712 76
Interest and Rents, \$8,608 69
Uncollected Premiums, net, \$9,378 75

Gross Assets, \$1,479,648 21
Deduct items not admitted, \$712 76

Admitted Assets, \$1,478,935 45
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Not unpaid losses, \$119,152 00
Unearned Premiums, \$438,740 92
All other liabilities, \$71,942 53

Total, \$628,935 45
Cash Capital, \$30,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities, \$598,935 45

Total liabilities and surplus, \$1,478,935 45

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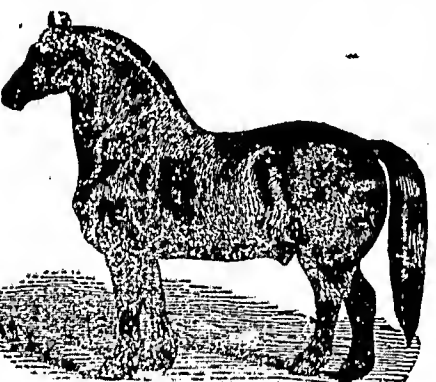
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A List of Equivalents.

The following ought to be copied by every cook and housekeeper into her cookbook or pasted up in the kitchen where it will be always handy.

It is a list of equivalents and is vouched for as being absolutely correct:

"One-half cupful of butter, one-quarter pound; two level table-spoonsful of flour, one ounce; sixteen table-spoonsful of flour, one ounce; four table-spoonsful, one table-spoonful; four table-spoonsful, one table-spoonful; twelve table-spoonsful (dry material), one cup; four cupfuls, one pound; one cupful of granulated sugar, one-half pound; sixty drops, one table-spoonful; ten eggs, one pound; sixteen large table-spoonsful, one-half pint; a common sized tumbler, one-half pint."

Besides this list every kitchen should be equipped with a small scales and a measuring cup of tin and one of glass. Only by this means can a cook have unvarying success in all the cooking that she undertakes.

The Strain of Teaching.

Professor Zimmer, the famous female brain specialist, declares that in every eighty-five female patients in the lunatic asylums of Germany, Russia, Austria and Switzerland there is one schoolteacher. In Prussia there is one teacher to every 350 women of the population. It seems to follow, therefore, that mental disorders among teachers are four times as numerous there as they ought to be. The case is still worse with those young women who are preparing to become teachers. Among them the cases of insanity are ten times more numerous than they ought to be. Professor Zimmer says:

"If telephone girls or salesgirls show signs of mental disturbance, it is not to be wondered at, for their occupations are hardly those a woman can call suitable to her sex, but in teaching, which is usually considered a suitable employment for women, when the results are so disastrous there is every reason for serious consideration."

Human Sympathy.

The majority of heartbreaks and tragedies which come to women are due to not understanding human nature. The mother does not understand the needs of her children and still less when they are grown, especially if they are boys. The husband does not understand the wife, the wife the husband. The mistress and maid are scolded books to each other, and the teacher does not understand the individual needs of her pupils. Sympathy is a quality too subtle to be inherited, to judge by the women of fine sympathies with daughters downless of that charm one sees so often. Mothers could do much for their children from the suggestion to the opening mind of the child constantly of the better side of human nature, of the ultimate purpose of good behind weak ineffectiveness. Sadly enough, the real teacher is sorrow hand in hand with love.

Knitting Bag.

A knitting bag which may be held on the arm while at work and serve as a convenient receptacle for the ball of worsted is made of red satin. The pattern calls for two sections of the satin, each having a lining. Cut each section in shape like a large pear with a long neck. In the neck of the pear cut out a small pear shaped section for the handle of the bag. Join the two large sections together and bind them neatly with ribbon. Bind the edges of the handle portion of the bag also and place a ribbon bow on the top of the handle. This bag may be made of denim or some of the coarse decorative fabrics. A row of brier stitching around the edges makes a pretty finish.

Nursing Children.

Few mothers can nurse their children to advantage after they are eight months old, and it is much better for both mother and child that the change should be made at this age, unless this period is reached during hot weather. Then it is best for the mother at least to partly nurse the child a little longer. Maternal nursing, however, should rarely be extended beyond the twelfth month.

Growth of Children.

At five years of age boys are mainly taller than girls, but the girls appear to equal them at the seventh year and continue this up to and including the ninth year, after which the boys rise again above the girls for two years. At about twelve years the girls suddenly become taller than the boys, continuing until the fifteenth year, when the boys finally regain their superiority of stature.

Duties to the Aged.

Do we ever pause to ask ourselves what are some of the duties we owe to the aged? Look on this venerable man whose hair is white with the snows of many winters and ask yourself the question. He has patiently borne life's burdens, his step is infirm, his head is bowed with the weight of years; when you were a little child, how carefully he guided your steps; as you grew older what interest he had in your childish sports; and when he had grown to manhood and went out from the old home, what loving words of advice and counsel he spoke to you. That interest has never ceased, and never will as long as life shall last. There never has been a time since you drew your first breath that he would not have given his life for you if necessary, and how are you repaying that interest, that devotion, that love?

We often notice that old people are apt to think themselves old-fashioned or out of date and unless especially noticed will think they are in the way. Let us smooth the pathway of the aged, and teach our children to reverence old age. You and I may become old, and with what measure we mete, like measure shall be meted to us again. How instinctively a child is drawn to old people and old people to the child. In this respect let us imitate the child. A friendless old person is always an object of pity. Let us, who are still young, strive to live in that way that if we live to become old, we shall deserve the respect and love of the younger generation.

And just a word of the mother: We all know what that word means. We know what it is to have a mother's love, but we, brothers, can never fathom the depth of that love. How many silent prayers she has offered in our behalf! How tenderly she nursed you to health when you were sick! How many sleepless nights she has spent in thoughts of you when you were away from her, you will never know. Man is an ungrateful creature, but the sin of sins is ingratitude and disrespect to his parents.

A few years ago, as I was about to step aboard a small steamer, I saw a young man carrying a lady who was crippled, aboard the same boat in his arms. I soon learned that the woman was his mother. I was with them all day and noticed that he paid her every attention, took every precaution for her comfort and was as attentive as possible. I said to myself, "That young man is all right. No one need fear for him, or his future."—EXCHANGE.

RUTS

The walking sick, what a crowd of them there are: Persons who are thin and weak but not sick enough to go to bed.

"Chronic cases" that's what the doctors call them, which in common English means—long sickness.

To stop the continued loss of flesh they need Scott's Emulsion. For the feeling of weakness they need Scott's Emulsion.

It makes new flesh and gives new life to the weak system.

Scott's Emulsion gets thin and weak persons out of the rut. It makes new, rich blood, strengthens the nerves and gives appetite for ordinary food.

Scott's Emulsion can be taken as long as sickness lasts and do good all the time.

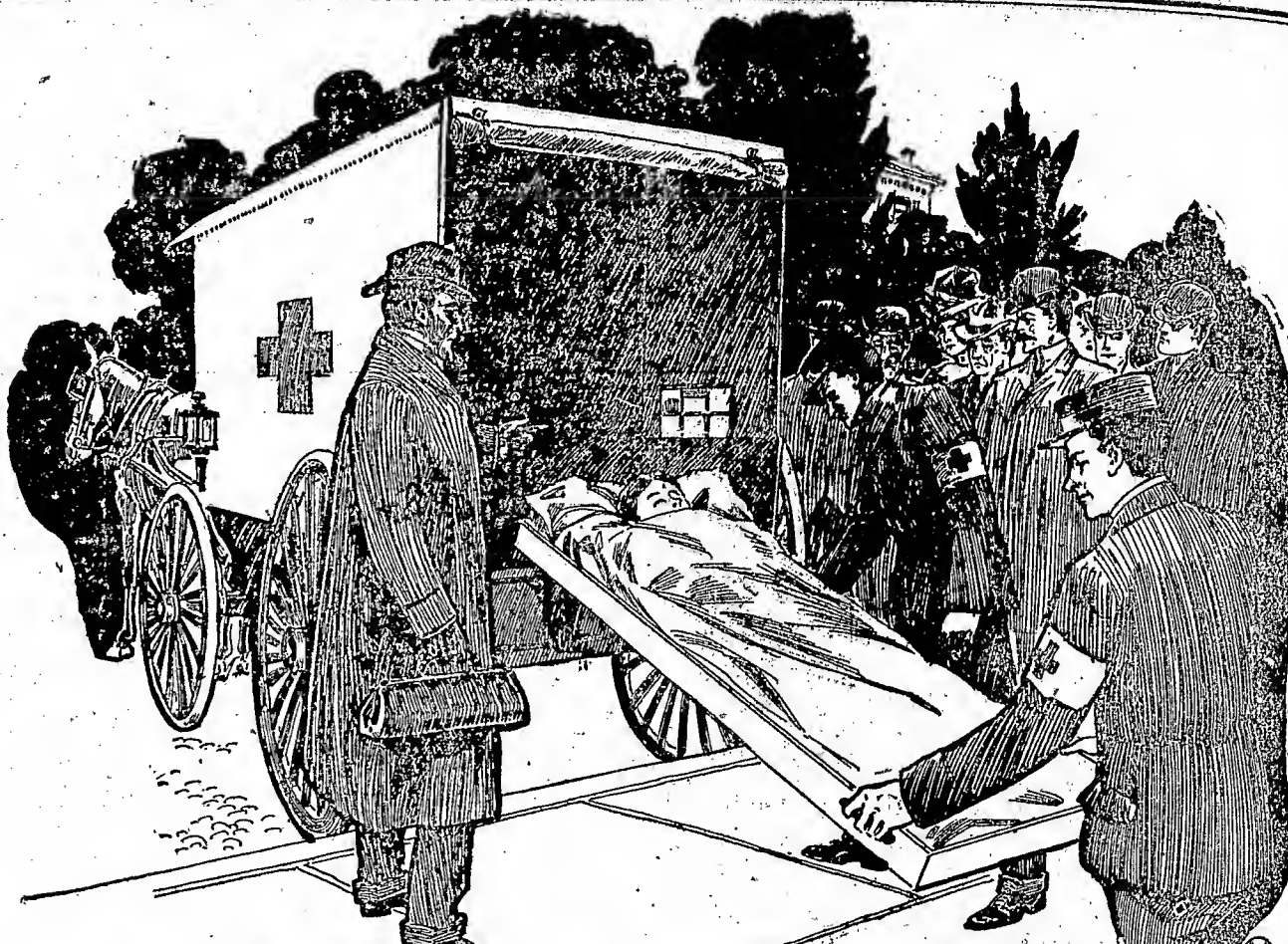
There's new strength and flesh in every dose.



We will be glad to send you a few doses free.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE,
Chemists,
409 Pearl St., N. Y.
50c. and \$1. all druggists.



A Hospital Case

There was a hurry call for the ambulance of the City Hospital. In the course of a few moments a very sick woman was brought in on a stretcher—she was pale as death and evidently suffering keen agony. There was a hasty examination and consultation, and in less than a quarter of an hour the poor creature was on the operating table to undergo an operation for ovaritis.

The above is an accurate account of an incident which occurred in New York recently; the young woman in question had warnings enough of her dangerous condition in the terrible pains and burning sensation low down in her left side. She had no one to advise her, and she suffered torture until it was too late for anything to save her life.

Women should remember that if they do not care to tell a doctor their troubles, they should be willing to tell them to a woman, who stands ever ready to advise and help them. Again we state that Mrs. Pinkham's advice is freely and confidentially given to every one who asks for it. Address, Lynn, Mass.

The following letters prove beyond question that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has the power to cure, and does cure thousands of cases of inflammation of the ovaries, womb, and all other derangements of the female organism.

MRS. OTTOSON SAVED FROM A SURGICAL OPERATION.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot thank you enough for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. If it had not been for your medicine, I think I would have died."

"I will tell you how I suffered. I could hardly walk, was unable to sleep or eat. Menstruation was irregular. At last I had to stay in my bed, and doved so badly that they sent for a doctor, who said I had inflammation of the ovaries, and must go through an operation, as no medicine could help me, but I could not do that."

"I received a little book of yours, and after reading it I concluded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am now a well woman. I shall praise your medicine as long as I live, and also recommend the same to any one suffering as I was."—MRS. MINNIE OTTOSON, Ocho, Iowa. (June 9, 1901.)

Follow the record of this medicine, and remember that these thousands of cures of women whose letters are constantly printed in this paper were not brought about by "something else," but by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the great Woman's Remedy for Women's ills.

Those women who refuse to accept anything else are rewarded a hundred thousand times, for they get what they want—a cure. Moral: Stick to the medicine that you know is Best. Write to Mrs. Pinkham for advice.

INFLAMMATION OF THE OVARIES CURED WITHOUT THE KNIFE.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to express my gratitude for the restored health and happiness Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought into my life."

"I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation."

"I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure I could not survive the operation, and so I told him that I would not undergo it. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of your Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, and was in excellent health, and at the end of that time I was cured. I had gained eighteen pounds."

"You surely deserve great success, and you have my very best wishes."—MISS ALICE BAILEY, 50 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga., Treasurer St. Francis Benevolent Association.

\$5000.00 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness.

Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

BRYANT POND.

Frank Brown recently got a letter from a brother whom he supposed had died during the Civil War. This brother enlisted when 19 years old; he was captured by the Confederates and confined in Andersonville. This was the last the other members of the family heard from the young soldier and they supposed that he had passed away in that notorious prison.

According to the letter which Frank Brown got last week, his brother escaped from Andersonville and went West, where he has led a somewhat wandering life for many years. In his old age he felt a desire to hear from his old home and his letter found his brother at the old homestead in Woodstock.

NEWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell went to Upton last Thursday.

Levi Butters and Mr. McAllister returned last Sunday to Lovell.

Onsville York is staying with his cousin, Mrs. A. H. Powers, for a few days.

Walter Powers went to Rumford Falls on business last Friday, returning Saturday night.

S. B. Frost is able to be out to the postoffice again, after having been confined to the house nearly all winter.

John Coolidge is again hauling freight for Charles Chase. Mr. Coolidge has been quite poorly for two weeks.

GILEAD.

Miss Mary Peabody of Shelburne, N. H., visited her brother, R. I. Peabody, last week.

Mrs. S. L. Fogg had a call last Saturday morning from Miss Rosa Griffin of Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. Rayford of Rumford Falls, is boarding at B. S. Burbank's. Her husband is at work for J. W. Bennett.

John Mayhew, after a visit of two weeks at his mother's home, returned to Rockland, Mass., his own place of residence last Saturday afternoon. He is to have charge of the lasing room in the shoe shop of Rice & Hutchins at that place.

At our annual March meeting, the Mountain Hills gave a dinner in the upper hall to the men who on that day were discussing town affairs and planning for their dissection for another year. About \$6 was added to the treasury.

MASON.

A. G. Lovejoy had a narrow escape from a serious accident last week. As he was driving down the road his sleigh came in contact with some logs that were in the roadway, upsetting the sleigh and throwing him out with such force as to nearly break his leg and otherwise injure him. Some of the men that were working near by went and helped him to right his team around so that he could return home. A physician was called and he is now gaining but is very sore and lame yet.

Ernest Morrill has nearly completed his logging job for this season.

Dana Morrill has teams in the woods hauling spruce for Hastings brothers.

Elbridge Merrill and son Alton are cutting timber for Irving Hutchinson.

Mrs. Nathan Mills, one of our highly respected and smart old ladies, is quite sick.

Ella Tyler went out to West Bethel to visit her sister, Mrs. Ella Hutchinson, recently.

The robin's cheerful voice is heard again which seems as though spring will soon be here. The heavy rain and snow have melted away the snow so that there is quite a lot of bare ground around.

NOTICE.

I desire to say to the public that I have ceased to be a member of the Blacksmiths' Association which was organized in Bethel on Jan. 1, 1903, and henceforth I shall do all work at the former prices. Thanking all for their past patronage and soliciting the same in the future, I am,

Very truly,
W. B. BAKER.

PICTURE FRAMES

In all styles; also Mats, Mirrors and Mouldings. Portraits in Crayon, Water Color, Sepia and Oil. Active Agents wanted. 3m15.

M. L. THURTS, South Paris, Me.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Cures Crip in Two Days.

Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, E. W. Little, on every box. 25c.

SAVED HER LIFE!

Worcester Young Woman Restored to Anxious Family.

Horrors of St. Vitus' Dance Overcome and Dread Disease Entirely Cured by Dr. Greene's Nervura, the World's Most Wonderful Spring Remedy.

Teachers in public schools sometimes ruin a nervous child's whole future by harsh or unwise treatment. An abnormal condition of the nervous system may be outgrown, but too often terrible results are rudely precipitated by some outside cause.



MISS HARRIET PARTRIDGE,
OF WORCESTER, MASS.

"This was the case with Miss Harriet Partridge, of No. 7 Blossom St., Worcester, Mass. As a child she was extremely nervous and excitable. She started at sudden noises. Sometimes she would wake sobbing in the middle of the night.

While she was still a child and in the second grade at school she was terribly frightened and a complete nervous collapse followed. She had to be taken from school immediately, and soon, in spite of all that could be done, she was suffering from St. Vitus' dance in its most aggravated form!

Doctors Were Helpless.

Physicians who were consulted seemed absolutely unable to do anything for her. She was soon helpless as a baby.

Those who are familiar with this disease need no description of its terrible manifestations. She lost the use of her limbs, she could not even

feed herself! Neighbors and friends of the family despaired of ever seeing her grow into healthy girlhood. Each day she seemed getting worse.

But relief came at last, and finally complete and permanent cure. That Miss Partridge has grown up into beautiful young womanhood, an ornament to a large circle of friends in Worcester, is due solely to Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. Her letter describing her own case is worth reading.

Miss Partridge's Letter.

"When I was in the second grade at school I was so badly frightened by the teacher as to cause a sort of nervous collapse. My people grew quite anxious about me and did not know what to do. I grew rapidly worse, and at last, not being very strong, my nerves gave out and I was taken from school suffering with St. Vitus' Dance.

"Several doctors were consulted, and did all they could, but in two weeks I was so much worse that I could not walk or talk or feed myself. Someone had to be with me constantly for fear I would hurt myself. I was helpless as a baby for eight months. When a friend brought me a pamphlet telling of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. She also said Dr. Greene's Nervura had helped her child, and she wanted me to try it for my case, saying that it could not possibly do me any harm and might help me to get my feet and get a bottle of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and I began to take it. After taking three bottles I began to improve, and after taking six or eight bottles I was entirely cured.

"For several years after every spring I would take three bottles and clear out my blood and strengthen my nerves. At the present time, whenever I feel 'run down,' I always take Dr. Greene's Nervura and it always pays with almost sure results to Dr. Greene that I was cured of St. Vitus' Dance in its worst form by Dr. Greene's Nervura, and giving my full permission for the publication of this testimonial and my picture for the good of others.

The above letter, as well as all testimonials of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy is genuine. The original is on file at Dr. Greene's office.

The Great Spring Medicine.

There is nothing more certain in the range of medical science than that Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy cures St. Vitus' Dance in children.

If you are "all run down" this spring take Dr. Greene's Nervura and it will put you right. This wonderful nerve remedy is undoubtedly the best spring tonic known to the medical profession.

For may have Dr. Greene's opinion on your case free. Call or write and make him your personal or family physician. His advice is free. 24 Temple Place, Boston, Mass.

UPTON.

At the town meeting held here March 9, the following officers were elected:

Moderator—C. Chase.
Clerk—J. Orne Douglass.
Selectmen—H. I. Abbott, John Burke, A. M. Coolidge.
Collector and Constable—C. Chase.

Treasurer—Enoch Abbott.
Road Commissioners—Lincoln Fuller, F. W. Bragg, Warrington Bartlett.

School Committee—John Brown, Bennett Morse, Fred Ellingwood.
Supervisor of Schools—C. Chase.

The Grange here seems to be flourishing, now numbering nearly fifty members. Mr. Larabee of Auburn was at the last meeting.

Bion Sanborn lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

Mrs. A. M. Coolidge who broke a bone in her knee a few weeks ago is now able to be out.

Mr. John Burke who was seriously ill for a few days last week, is much better.

Mrs. Bertha Judkins and little boys have gone to Norway to visit relatives.

Enoch Abbott is hauling his logs down mill hill onto Stony Brook Pond.

NORTH ALBANY.

The Paris Mfg. Co's mill crew broke camp last week Monday; they will return when the ice is out of the pond and saw up the logs there.

The snow is fast disappearing and the roads are not passable in the afternoon in this section.

Rev. O. S. Ellishury was in this place last Thursday to attend the funeral of Sylvanus M. Bennett. Mr. Bennett would have been 89 years old had he lived until May, as he was born in Gilead in 1814.

Mr. Moses Bennett of Auburn returned to his home last Saturday. Mary Cole of Newry Corner has also returned to her home; she has been with her parents for some time assisting in the care of her father.

Eustace Bennett and wife have been spending a week at his father's, J. H. Bennett.

C. P. Pingree has a fine lot of Shepherd and bird spaniel puppies for sale.

WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Spring begins next Saturday.

"Down in Maine" Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lois C. Bean has returned to her home in this village.

Miss Vivien Rollins of Bethel Hill is working for Mrs. Henry Verrill.

Misses Lottie and Grace Mason went to Gilead, Friday, to visit friends.

Elmer R. Briggs who is working in South Paris, came home for a few hours' visit last Sunday.

The drama "Down in Maine" will be played in Bell's Hall next Thursday evening, March 19. Admission 20 cents.

Enough snow and ice remains in the roads for quite good sledding, and cord wood, birch bolts, etc., are being hauled from Mason to this village.

Mrs. Sarah W. Brown has sold her house in Bryant Pond; she has moved her household goods to this place for storage and is now with her brother, L. D. Grover and family.

The town ferry-boat which left this side of the river in November, reached the north shore last week. During that time it might have been rowed twice across the Atlantic Ocean, or towed by steamer around the world, but the waters of the Androscoggin are not navigable in midwinter.

NEWRY CORNER.

Tomatoes well a-growing.

Radishes six inches high.

Alphonso Bean has tapped a few maples.

H. S. Hastings has tapped about seven hundred trees in his sugar orchard.

Ahira Smith of Bethel, worked in this vicinity on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Stephen Gaudet's three-year-old baby has been dangerously ill, but is now better.

E. C. Dillon of a New York firm, was in town with silks and fine woolen dress goods on sale last week.

Ephesians, third chapter, twentieth and twenty-first verses were the foundation of the Sabbath discourse at Union church by Rev. W. H. Congdon.

Freeman Smith of Dixfield, was here over Thursday and Friday of last week.

Many mishaps and much vexation of spirit is the accompaniment of travellers on our present roads.

CANTORIA.

THE KIND YOU HAVE ALWAYS BOUGHT

Signature of Charles H. Wilshire

"See here," cried the customer, "this here suit's too tight for me."

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"What time is it?" asked his wife suspiciously as he came in.

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Every woman takes a lot of satisfaction in the thought that she would be a terrible flirt if she didn't have such high ideals.

Itchiness of the skin, horrible plague. Most everybody afflicted in one way or another. Only one safe, never failing, cure—Doan's Ointment. At any drug store, 50 cents.

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HEALTHY, HAPPY CHILDHOOD

TRUE'S WORM ELIXIR

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tabbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

"She married the coachman because she wanted someone who could drive."

"Well?"

"Well, he drove her to distraction."

At twenty love is a rosy dream, at thirty it is a thrilling reality, at forty it is a calm contentment, at fifty it is a reminiscence.

If it's a bilious attack, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick recovery is certain.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tabbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

Little Vegetarian—Papa, why do you go away again. Why don't you stay at home with mother and me?

Papa—But I must go, little daughter, to get bread and butter for you.

Little Vegetarian—Oh, papa, if you'll only stay at home I'll eat meat!

A wheelman's tool bag isn't complete without a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Heals cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Monarch over pain.

"I hear you want to sell your dog, Pat. They tell me he has a pedigree."

"Shure, an' Oi niver noticed it, sor. Anyhow, he's nothin' but a puppy yet, an' Oi'm thinkin' as how he'll be ather outgrowin' it, sor."

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Every Community has Ambitious men of good character between the ages of 25 and 40, with the proper hustling qualities to represent THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES. Strongest in the World. Assets, \$360,000,000. Surplus, \$75,000,000. And that's the man we're looking for in your town. No matter what your present occupation. If you are the man, we have a lucrative position for you. You are invited to write for a free booklet, entitled "Is Your Vocation Satisfactory?" Address, F. H. HAZELTON, & CO., Managers for Maine. 93 Exchange St., PORTLAND, ME.

The American Fire Insurance Co., Philadelphia, Penn.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1902.

Real Estate	\$392,241 74
Mortgage Loans	820,475 56
Collateral Loans	247,700 00
Stocks and Bonds	787,681 50
Cash in Office and Bank	60,189 70
Agents' Balances	197,136 44
Interest and Rents	21,059 71
All other Assets	19,520 00

Gross Assets, \$2,534,984 64
Admitted Assets, 2,534,984 64
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid Losses, \$144,382 82
Unearned Premiums, 1,677,585 05
All other liabilities, 33,195 34

Total, \$1,855,163 21
Cash Capital, 600,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities, 179,821 48

Total liabilities and surplus, \$2,534,984 64
A. E. Stearns & Co., Agents, Rumford Falls, Me.

Caledonian Insurance Co., of Scotland.

Incorporated in A. D. 1805. Amount at risk, \$15,415,921.

CASH ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1902.

Real Estate owned by the Company, unincumbered	\$427,854 07
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, Cash market value	977,225 00
Cash in the Company's principal office, and in bank	105,958 89
Interest due and accrued	10,337 49
All other Assets	11,224 57
Premiums in due course of collection	187,579 76

LIABILITIES, Dec. 31, 1902.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	\$104,825 95
Reserve for re-insurance	822,601 11
All liabilities except capital stock and net surplus	75,283 44
Surplus beyond capital	697,382 26

Total, \$1,700,179 76

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

Glazes and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Falls to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 25c and \$1.00 at Druggists.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in our bereavement, the loss of our dear Grace, also for the many beautiful flowers.

MR. AND MRS. WM. LOWE.

PURE BLOOD

Is worth more than much gold.

Fortunately a little of your gold or silver will buy a remedy that purifies the blood and brings back health.

Sugar-Makers' Supplies.

Place your order early and be ready when the season commences.

SAP BUCKETS, CARRIERS,

SAP SPOUTS, PANS.

WE MAKE

Galvanized Iron Sap Pans

Any size or shape. We also carry the

WILLIS SAP SPOUT

AND

COOK'S

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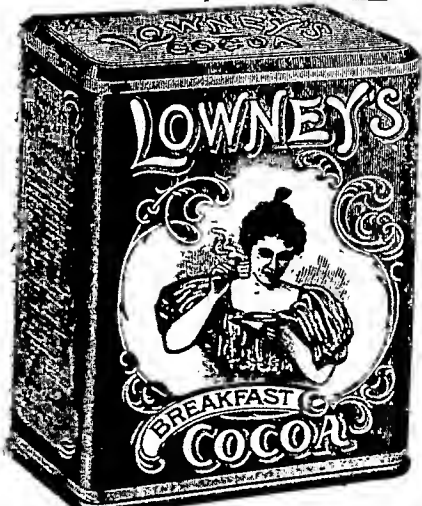
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ANDOVER.

We are having beautiful sunny days which are taking the snow. The hills begin to show themselves and soon wagons must take the place of sleighs. Many of our farmers are tapping trees and the sap must run well.

Miss Alice Bedell has gone to Boston for a few weeks, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Stephen Cabot is expected to arrive this week.

Several of our young people attended the Symphony concert at the Falls which they report as very fine.

Miss Alice Poor visited Rumford Falls last Tuesday.

Misses Margery Burgess and Harriet Learned visited Rumford Falls last week.

Mr. Fred S. Smith has returned from Paris having finished his work as jurymen.

Mr. Chas. Newton tapped 475 maple trees last Friday.

Messrs. J. F. and Richard Talbot have tapped 100 trees.

Mr. Lewis Akers has made quite a quantity of maple syrup.

Mrs. Willard Newhall has sent some large orders for wall paper. Now is the time for housekeepers to engage it, as Mrs. Newhall has some lovely patterns.

Mr. Chas. Learned was quite seriously injured last week, being struck by a large tree in falling, receiving severe cuts on the neck, arm, and other parts of the body. He was unconscious for several hours but is now improving.

The ice has left Sawyer's brook and it is clear for driving.

Mr. Henry Porter was in town last week.

We are glad to report Mr. Frank Akers as much improved. He is out of doors now.

Mr. Walter Barnes made a trip to Oxford last week, and found his brother Daniel quite improved. We hope to see him at home soon.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Jane Gregg is ill and under the care of a physician.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will have an apron and fancy article sale on Wednesday evening of this week. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Lone Mt. Grange, No. 131, P. of H. will hold their next meeting March 21. The following will be the program:

Music, Grange Reading, Miss Ada F. Lovejoy Question.—Which has the greatest influence upon our lives, the company we keep or the literature we read? Affirmative, J. F. Talbot, Mrs. L. R. Hall. Negative, I. R. Hall, Mrs. J. F. Talbot. Song, Mr. Wm. Perkins. Singing, Grange.

Mr. John W. Newton has gone on a trip to Buckfield and vicinity.

The men and teams which have been hauling birch for R. A. Grover, have returned to Portland.

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Agents' balances	45,452 28
Interest and rents	15,984 37
Uncollected premiums	97,859 93
Gross assets	2,391,041 24
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1902.	
Not unpaid losses	72,802 28
Unearned premiums	770,149 15
All other liabilities	30,849 41
Total	873,800 84
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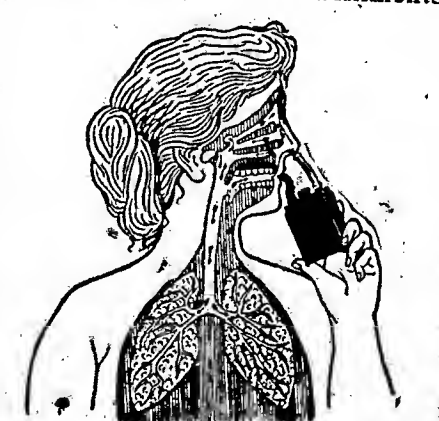
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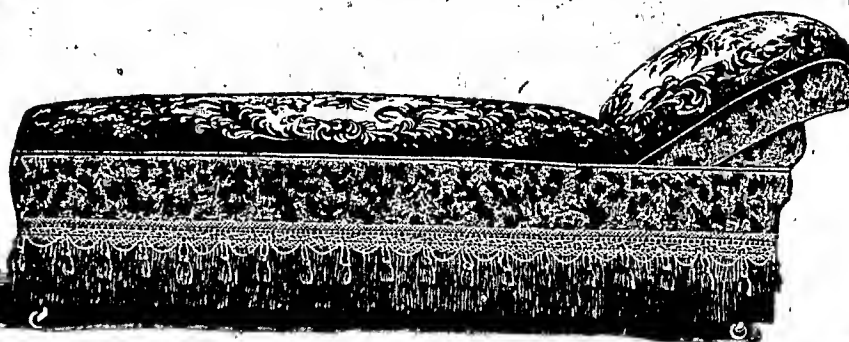
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